WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Sachar Committee Report on state of Muslims

*161. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the Sachar Committee's report on the state of Muslims in India;

(b) if so, the salient findings of the Sachar Committee; and

(c) whether a similar Committee headed by Dr. Gopal Singh was appointed two and a half decades ago by Government to access the social and economic status of Muslims and if so, the action taken on its report by Government?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The report of the Prime Minister's High Level Committee on the Social, Economic and Educational status of the Muslim Community of India, under the chairmanship of Justice Rajinder Sachar, has been tabled in the Rajya Sabha on 30.11.2006. The report is being examined.

(c) The Government constituted a High Power Panel on 10th May, 1980 and it submitted its Report on Minorities, S.C., S.T. and Weaker Sections. This was initially heades by Dr. V. A. Seyid Mohammad, who resigned in early September 1980 to take up another assignment and was taken over by Dr. Gopal Singh. The report alongwith a statement indicating the comments of the Government on the recommendations made by this panel was laid on the table of Rajya Sabha on 24th August, 1990.

Sale of Dabhol Power Plant

162. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received suggestions for selling of Dabhol Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal with the Government for sale of Dabhol Power Plant at Ratnagiri.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.